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Reply to Final Office Action of 20 November 2003

REMARKS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Final Office Action dated 26 November 2003. Responsive to the objections and rejections made by the Examiner in that Office Action, Claims 7 and 13 have been amended to clarify the combination of elements that defines the invention of the subject Patent Application and Claims 1, 6, 8 - 12, and 14 - 18 have been cancelled by this Amendment. The allowance of Claims 2 - 5 and 19 - 21 is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 7 and 13 as being dependent upon a rejected base, but indicated that those claims would be allowable if placed in independent form. Accordingly, Claims 7 and 13 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 1 therein.

In the Office Action, the Examiner maintained the rejection of Claims 1, 6, 8 - 12, and 14 - 18 as set forth in the Office Action dated 20 June 2003. Claims 1, 6, 8 - 12, and 14 - 18 have now been cancelled to advance the prosecution of this case.

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It is now believed that the subject Patent Application as been placed in
condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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